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SECRETFOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICEOf Special Interest This Week

+ Following a call by BBC employees for a protest strike on 7 August, FBIS and the BBC Monitoring Service coordinated an emergency plan to pick up lost coverage as required. FBIS bureaus were able to account for all of BBC's coverage with the exception of Finland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and some broadcasts from North Africa. The strike turned out to have little effect on the BBC Monitoring Service, which was able to handle all of its commitments with the exception of Iranian and Kuwaiti coverage, which was picked up by the FBIS bureau in Bahrain. ☐

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+ For Arms Control and Disarmament Agency Director Adelman, FBIS media analysts provided information on the language of Soviet public statements calling for a ban on SDI research and on the development, testing, and deployment of SDI systems. ACDA needed the information to assess recent remarks by Soviet negotiator Yuli Kvitsinkiy at a Moscow press conference. ☐

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+ The FBIS Swaziland bureau has begun preparing a daily summary of the South African press, concentrating on reporting on black and white attitudes and reactions to events. This summary is for the vice chairman of the National Intelligence Council who will pass it on to senior colleagues and to higher levels. ☐

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+ FBIS has been notified that for the first time in 3 years one of its Arabic language intelligence officer candidates has been fully cleared by the Office of Security. Twelve previous candidates had been disqualified in the past 14 months, nullifying an intensive recruiting effort in a critical area. ☐

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